

Kim DelNigro

From: Roland Bartl
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2006 3:41 PM
To: 'karu_ratnam@yahoo.com'
Cc: Planning Board; Manager Department
Subject: FW: Official Notification Of Unhealthful Exposure to Perchlorate



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Mr. Ratnam:

I am writing to let you know that the Planning Board will be holding an extended Citizen concern session on the subject matter on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at 7:30 PM at the Acton Memorial Library.

Roland Bartl, AICP
Town Planner, Town of Acton
472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720
978-264-9636

-----Original Message-----

From: Maryjane Kenney
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2006 2:48 PM
To: Roland Bartl
Subject: FW: Official Notification Of Unhealthful Exposure to Perchlorate

-----Original Message-----

From: Karu Ratnam [mailto:karu_ratnam@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2006 11:14 PM
To: Board of Selectmen; Manager Department; Board of Health; Planning Board; Roland Bartl; authhomes@msn.com
Cc: Devi Ratnam
Subject: Official Notification Of Unhealthful Exposure to Perchlorate

Dear All,
Following up with Mr. Chip Chapin's email regarding the above subject matter, I hereby notify you, due to the blasting of bedrock for water main connection to Ellsworth Village, our wells have been contaminated with perchlorate.

Pre-blast test performed on September 26, 2005 detected no perchlorate. First post-blast test performed on March 6th, 2006 showed 1.38 ppb and the follow-up confirmation test taken on March 29th, 2006 detected 2.43 ppb.

I urge the Town of Acton and James Fenton and Son General Contracting to act promptly to provide us with corrective action and reimburse us for the water testing and drinking water.

Sincerely,
Karu Ratnam
6 Braebrook Road

Acton, MA 01720
978 266 1185

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From: Chapin . Chip [CChapin@drc.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2006 10:03 PM
To: Chapin . Chip; Linda Chapin; tom.lemire@comcast.net; Tighe Eamon; surprocj@rcn.com; Sheila Cannata; rjb9flag@aol.com; Nancy Tighe; levi@glozman.com; ilana@glozman.com; etighe@stadlerviega.com; Tom.Lemire@hp.com; Carol Holley; tblemire@comcast.net; Karu Ratnam; massfolley@comcast.net; Bob and Barbara Schneider
Subject: Official Notification Of Unhealthful Exposure to Perchlorate

Hi I tried to copy all but a bunch of got left off distribution so resending this to all again

-----Original Message-----

From: Chapin . Chip
Sent: Thu 4/13/2006 9:59 PM
To: bos@acton-ma.gov; manager@acton-ma.gov; boh@acton-ma.gov; pb@acton-ma.gov; rbartl@acton-ma.gov; Authentic Homes Inc
Cc: lindachapin53@comcast.net; tom.lemire@comcast.net; surprocj@rcn.com; rjb9flag@aol.com; levi@glozman.com; ilana@glozman.com; etighe@stadlerviega.com
Subject: Official Notification Of Unhealthful Exposure to Perchlorate

To the Town of Acton and James Fenton & Son General Contracting:

Pursuant under Massachusetts Tort Claims Act, I am hereby providing official written notice to the Town of Acton and James Fenton & Son General Contracting, that due to actions directly related to the Town of Acton's approval of James Fenton & Son General Contracting request to build Ellsworth Village and then due to James Fenton & Son General Contracting resultant actions to build Ellsworth Village, specifically the blasting of bedrock to install a water main adjacent to my property: my family and I have been exposed to serious, unhealthful circumstances.

Numerous members of the Brabrook/Flagg Neighborhood Association conducted pre and post blasting testing of our well water. We provided official notice to the Acton Board of Selectman on Monday 27 March that one of our neighborhood wells had tested positive for perchlorate, a volatile organic toxin and that the neighborhood was retesting many of our wells at our own expense. We also informed the Acton Board of Selectman that we are working directly with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to document our findings.

I hereby notify you, that the Brabrook/Flagg Neighborhood Association received the results of our wells being retested on 29 Mar 2006. The testing was performed by Alpha Analytical Laboratories 8 Walkup Dr, Westborough, 01581 - (508) 898-9220.

The results show for my family's well: a perchlorate count of 5.36 parts per billion.

I hereby notify you that because of this test result, our family is no longer able to drink the water from our well and that we are burdened by the additional expense of buying water to drink. We can no longer use ice from our refrigerator's ice maker. We are retaining all receipts from these actions. I hereby notify you that due to a conversation today with Doug Halley, Acton Board of Health, that he raised unhealthful

concerns over our using the water from our well to take showers due to the release into the air of volatile organic toxins.

It is imperative; we get on a safe supply of water, as soon as possible. We request immediate action from the Town of Acton and James Fenton & Son General Contracting to provide us with a corrective action plan to resolve these unhealthful circumstances. We expect reimbursement for having to test our well water to date as originally specified within the Acton Planning Boards decision to allow blasting in our Brabrook/Flagg Neighborhood, should perchlorate be a blasting compound.

Sincerely,

Henry (Chip) Chapin

4 Brabrook Rd

Acton MA 01720

-----Original Message-----

From: Chapin . Chip

Sent: Fri 4/7/2006 1:50 PM

To: Linda Chapin; tom.lemire@comcast.net; Tighe Eamon; surprcj@rcn.com; Sheila Cannata; rjb9flag@aol.com; Nancy Tighe; levi@glozman.com; ilana@glozman.com; etighe@stadlerviega.com; Tom.Lemire@hp.com; Carol Holley; tblemire@comcast.net; Karu Ratnam; massfolley@comcast.net; Bob and Barbara Schneider

Cc:

Subject: Friend of our's, a Douglas School Dad, is Massachusetts Environmental Licensed Site Professional

Hi all,

I asked Rich Doherty, an Acton friend, to send me a summary of his qualifications to share w/ you, in case we have a need for a Licensed Site Professional to become involved w/ our perchlorate problem.

He provided the names of the following environmental attorneys that he recommends we consider based on his past experience with them. He feels they are both competent and easy to work with. He thinks Fogel will be more expensive given he's out of a Boston firm.

His recommendation, should the results again come back positive, is to get immediate legal representation.

Jeff Renton Gilbert & Renton Andover 978-475-7580

Barry Fogel Boston 617-951-1400

Debby and Brian 10 Brabrook were supposed to email me their email address which they have not done so if anyone can forward this to them, I'd appreciate it.

Chip

-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Doherty [mailto:ecr-consulting@verizon.net]

Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 1:36 PM

To: Chapin . Chip

Subject: Perchlorates

Hi Chip

As you requested, I am sending you some information on my qualifications for review by you and your neighborhood association. As shown on the attached resume, I have been investigating and remediating releases of a variety of chemicals in soil and groundwater over the past 18 years. During this time I have worked extensively with Massachusetts environmental regulations, and have done expert witness work on several environmental cases. I am a Massachusetts Licensed Site Professional (LSP) and a Massachusetts Registered Professional Engineer (PE).

Perchlorates are an area of particular interest for me and my associate, Andrew Clark. Attached is an early draft of an article on perchlorate sources that we plan to publish. Please excuse the notes in the article - it is a work in progress.

I can provide references of people I have worked if needed.

I wish you and your neighbors the best with your perchlorate problem, and I am available to help if needed.

Thank you

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